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Honorable Arthur Ravenel, Jr.  
Member, House of Representatives  
640 Federal Building  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Congressman Ravenel:

This is in reply to your letter of February 4, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Kenneth H. Hanjes, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

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Kenneth H Hanjes	inq. comments on PR Docket 92-235

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ARTHUR RAVENEL, JR.  
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February 2, 1993

The Honorable Arthur Ravenel  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ravenel,

I work as a contractor and in my spare time. I work with children for the advancement of model aviation in constructing and operation radio controlled models. Many of our pilots, astronauts, aeronautical engineers, etc. have gotten their introduction by building and flying model airplanes, so as you see the radio frequencies are very important to us.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in the band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Our club has 85 members, adult and adolescent. Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build, as I have about \$6,000.00 invested in models; but more

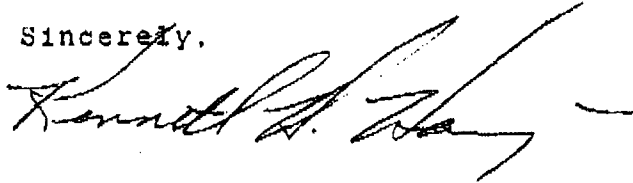
Kenneth H. Hanjes  
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to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference caused the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate and spectators watch. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousand of people like myself and children, which contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4001**

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February 5, 1993

Mr. Carl E. Pyron  
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RE: Mr. Hiram R. Webster  
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Dear Mr. Pyron,

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Honorable Arthur Kameel Jr. Feb 3, 1993  
Member of Congress

Dear Mr Kameel

I wish to pledge my continued support  
for you and should you run for Governor  
I pledge my vote as well.

Two Reasons for writing to you

First no gaps in the Military.  
Our nations moral and social fabric has  
been tugged and stretched so much I  
fear tears will develop soon.

Secondly, I wish your consideration  
to deny the Federal Communications  
Commission (FCC) proposal to interject  
additional users into a frequency band  
that is already crowded but working  
very well. The preceding is  
DPR Docket 92-235.

For the past 30 years I have built  
and flown all sorts of Model Aircraft.  
The Radio Control mechanisms currently  
in use is type certified by the FCC  
and my Insurance Company (AIA). AIA

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currently regulates my activities to  
make it the safest it can be.

It works quite well. Our radio  
manufacturers, FCC, AMA and ourselves  
have made a great hobby.

Now the FCC wants to create  
more land mobile frequencies by  
splitting them into narrower channels.



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It has been made by cooperation  
between the FCC, Academy of Model  
Aeronautics (AMA) and Radio Manufacturers  
Let's not blow this away by a  
current fact that ~~was~~ soon  
fade as did the C.B. craze of  
the 70's.